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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: MBFR SOVIET REP'S COMMENT TO US AND FRG REPS ON NEW  
EASTERN PROPOSALS

AFTER JUNE 13 INFORMAL SESSION, SOVIET REP MADE THE FOLLOWING  
POINTS IN CONVERSATION WITH US AND FRG REPS.

1. US REP POINTED OUT THAT WHEREAS WESTERN PROPOSALS PROVIDE  
FOR EXCHANGE OF LISTS OF UNITS TO BE WITHDRAWN IN PHASE I  
PRIOR TO SIGNING OF PHASE I AGREEMENT, JUNE 8 EASTERN PROPOSALS  
IN POINT 5 OF STAGE I PROVIDE THAT THE EXCHANGE WOULD TAKE PLACE  
AT SIGNING OF PHASE I AGREEMENT. SOVIET REP SAID THAT THIS  
DIFFERENCE WAS NOT SIGNIFICANT AND THAT WHAT WAS MEANT WAS THAT  
THE LISTS WOULD BE EXCHANGED PRIOR TO SIGNATURE TO PERMIT POSSIBLE  
OBJECTION.

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2. SOVIET REP POINTED OUT THAT THE 50 PERCENT LIMITATION  
PROVISION OF THE SECOND SUB-PARAGRAPH OF POINT 8 OF STAGE I  
OF THE EASTERN PROPOSALS WOULD PERMIT NATO DIRECT  
PARTICIPANTS TO OFFSET A FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL 60,000  
(SOVIET REP'S FIGURE) FRENCH FORCES FROM THE REDUCTION  
AREA. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN HIS VIEW SUCH A COMPLETE  
FRENCH WITHDRAWAL WAS NOT LIKELY FROM A POLITICAL VIEW

POINT BECAUSE OF THE FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FRG.

3. SOVIET REP VOLUNTEERED THAT POLISH REP (STRULAK) HAD DURING EASTERN CONSULTATIONS ON THE NEW EASTERN PROPOSALS SUGGESTED THAT A PROVISION BE INCLUDED PROVIDING FOR OFFSETTING EASTERN REDUCTIONS IN THE EVENT OF WESTERN UNILATERAL REDUCTIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE AFTER THE AGREED REDUCTIONS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT. SOVIET REP SAID THAT EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS HAD NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED THIS SUGGESTION BECAUSE SUCH UNILATERAL WESTERN REDUCTIONS WERE HYPOTHETICAL AND COULD BE ACCOMMODATED, IF THEY OCCURRED, BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AT THE TIME. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE WILLING TO MATCH SUBSEQUENT FRG UNILATERAL REDUCTIONS.

3. SOVIET REP VOLUNTEERED THAT THE EAST WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE SOME CHANGES IN THEIR TABLED PROPOSALS. RESOR

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